

Notice of Allowability

Application No.

10/786,744

Examiner

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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to amendments filed 19 April 2006.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 10,14,15,23-26 and 28-30.
3. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
 1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
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 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

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4. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
 5. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
 - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.
- Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☐ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08), Paper No./Mail Date _____
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit of Biological Material

5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
6. ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413), Paper No./Mail Date _____
7. ☒ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☒ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other _____

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DETAILED ACTION
EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

This application is in condition for allowance except for the presence of claims 1-9, 18 and 19 directed to species non-elected without traverse in response filed 21 October 2005. Claims 1-9, 18 and 19 were withdrawn from consideration upon the election by applicant. Accordingly, claims 1-9, 18 and 19 have been cancelled.

An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it **MUST** be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

The application has been amended as follows:

Cancel claims 1-9, 18 and 19.

Reasons for Allowance

Claim 10 is allowed. Firstly, Chiang and Aronson teach the transceiver module with the adapters as previously stated, but the transceiver module has an insert to reduce the interior dimension of the second end of the transceiver module while the first (exterior) dimension remains the same. The applicant claims a scenario wherein the exterior dimension of the receptacle changes in order to be adapted to an opening on a panel. The transceiver module by Chiang and Aronson thus functions fundamentally different from that disclosed in claim 10, and any modification to meet the claimed structure would destroy the transceiver module taught by Chiang and Aronson. Secondly, Mitchell teaches a fitting sleeve **16** used to resize the exterior dimension of

an end of a transceiver module, but the sleeve is a one-piece design, lacking two adapters as claimed and subsequently cannot render obvious structures of the adapters and the transceiver module, i.e., it does not teach or suggest that "the transceiver receptacle has a first side defining a first interface portion and a second side defining a second interface portion, wherein the first adapter has a first connection portion configured to couple with the first interface portion, wherein the second adapter has a second connection portion configured to couple with the second interface portion". It is the examiner's opinion that the prior art of record, taken alone or in combination, fails to disclose or render obvious the transceiver receptacle as described in claim 10, in combination with the rest of the limitations of the base.

Claims 14, 15, 23-26 and 28-30 are allowed as dependent claims of claim 10.

Conclusion


Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Charlie Peng whose telephone number is (571) 272-2177. The examiner can normally be reached on 9 am - 6 pm M-F.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Frank Font can be reached on (571) 272-2415. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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